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EASTERN NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.

Great Snow Storm.

Omaha, March 20.—Over 7 o'clock last night it was snowing ten inches of snow on the level. The street cars are unable to run, and the trains on all the roads are delayed. The storm is the severest known heretofore the snow fell to the depth of an improvised sleigh measuring nine inches, which was unprecedented only measuring seven inches, which was unprecedented only measuring eight inches. The telegraph lines are down in every direction, and it is not known how far south the storm extends.

Little Rock, March 20.—A severe snow storm visited this city yesterday. The snow is on the ground to the depth of four inches. Business is suspended, and railways are blockaded.

Cotton Seaport.

Wilmington, N. C., March 20.—Snow 4 inches deep throughout the State. In Greensboro it is four inches deep. In Hillsboro three inches and still falling. Mercury at the latter place was 20° at 11 last night. The peach crop is believed to be destroyed.

Heavy Rains and Snows.

New Orleans, March 20.—Telegrams received here from Shreveport, Vicksburg and Jackson report severe rains and snow storms on Sunday night, followed by a heavy fall of snow. The storm was severe at all points. On the coast between New Orleans and Southpass it was terrific. Many vessels were driven ashore, and much shipping damaged. The loss at Pass Christian, Mississippi City, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi and Pass Cognata will probably reach $100,000. All the boathouses and wharfs on the coast, except three, were swept away last night by the storm. Several schooners driven ashore and damaged, and at $10,000.

Snow Blockade.

Kansas City, March 20.—The Colon Pacific road is blockaded with snow between Hawkins and Bitter Creek. The passenger train bound west due here this morning, is laying at Sweetwater. The express train bound east, due at 2 this morning, is lying at Benton. The express train bound east, that passed here last night, is now lying at Washakie.

Great Fire in Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., March 20.—A fire broke out at 4 o'clock this morning at the corner of King and Hasell streets. The water being in the neighborhood of the city, the flames soon spread to the adjoining buildings, allowing a gale from the southwest. One square of wooden houses on the south side of Hasell street, between King and Meeting, was burned, from Hasell to Vanderhorst street, and also all the stores on the west side of King, to the east and west sides of the street. The fire is now under control. Line of fire about three squares long, and has been confined to three squares and a half. The fire crossed Line street, destroying about a dozen houses, when it was arrested. Heart rending scenes were witnessed, and hundreds of negroes could be seen moving their household goods to the streets. Many families have lost all they possessed. Loss—The morning Mayor Cunningston took charge, and some order was restored. By half past 10 the fire had burned a hundred to one hundred and fifty buildings. Insurance—The fire commenced in the rear of the burned district, and was reported from before

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INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPOSURES

The special Washington still continues to furnish exciting successive and with startling rapidity the sound of one rascality succeeds another so rapidly that the attention of the country has scarcely recovered from the grand opening upon which the Credit Mobilier scandal was exposed than a fresh crop has been started almost continually with new frauds in the public service From the humblest to the most exalted officials seem to be corrupt The extraordinary cases in which the public service has not been prostituted to political purposes are more rare than angels visits while the new forms of corruption in the granting and taking of bribes in the name of politics has astonished the heartiest of the intelligent portion of the community who are out of office and not engaged in buying and selling the offices to it It has been often said that the country was sick of these terrible disclosures but the disclosures still go on and the country never fails to show, in proportion to the approbation of the conduct of those who drag the villainies to light that it is not the work of unscrupulous politicians but the fact that there are so many of them and of such flagrant character that the people are sated If there is any demand for the prosecution of this class of inquiries to stop The demand is there shall be no relaxation of effort till through fines and imprisonment and impeachments, all sorts of corruption in office shall be made so dangerous that those who are not restrained by virtuous sentiments shall be by fear Public confidence the only sure foundation of republican institutions, which is now greatly impaired, can never be restored save through the complete eradication of the influences that have undermined it The nation must get back to the honest methods and means that characterized the first half century of its existence and that can only be done by the enforcement of that severe code of public faith upon which the republic was founded Whether the exposures and punishments now going on will result in the restoration of something like an approximation to honest administration may be questioned but their tendency is in that direction But in the end it is likely to be found that they are insufficient to accomplish that object The real source of the evil that which has corrupted the sentiments and debauched the politics of the country is the infinitely various and mischievous theory upon which the government has been conducted since the days of Jackson that the offices are legitimate spoil of party victory All remedies that stop short of a complete reconstruction of the civil service upon the principle of personal fitness instead of party fealty, are superficial and liable to prove ineffectual They begin at the wrong end They might, and doubtless would, be valuable as supplementary means of toning up the public system, but they do not go the root of the disease They are to be encouraged and supported but it will not do to rely on them alone The civil service reform, so auspiciously begun three years and a half ago, and so ignominiously abandoned within a year thereafter, must be carried out and established on a firm basis, or the Republic will see yet darker days before this generation passes away

THE PROGRAMME OF THE LEADERS OF CHANGELESS PRINCIPLES

A correspondent of the Chicago *Times* having taken a bird's eye view of the political landscape, gives in detail the programme of the Democrats for the Presidential campaign of this year Every thing is done up and labeled, except the candidates for President and Vice President and the only reason this part of the work is delayed is the existence of a little family jar in which General Hancock Senator Hendricks and a few more of the dozen candidates of the West are the principal figures The programme for the convention is really charming as any one must agree who casts his eye over it The first item to be agreed upon among the managers before the convention meets, and is to be a straight out hard money document This, of course, will require some concession to the shinplaster wing of the party of eternal principles and to make the honors even George H Pendleton the original father mother and wet nurse of the rag baby is to be made president of the convention "Gentleman George" thus gets the appointing of all committees, and the rag baby carries off all the honors, except the only substantial one It is confidently expected the dictionists will be fully satisfied with the empty compliment of controlling the organization so far as outward appearances are concerned and that as to the bullion it will not bother them that honor if they are only given a platform to suit them It will not be asked what is to be done with the issues of the people when paying should not take kindly to the programme thus laid out There will be no apprehension of trouble from this source Those who suppose the conventions are going to have much to do with the preparation of the campaign are entirely mistaken for the first politicians are not managing in that way The politicians who have got control of the people will in hand the rough figures to which they may when elected be compelled by events to give practical shape by assuming that the cross-current questions of the day will be settled by the adjustments of the future The battle of 1872 will be fought on the rag baby issue and exchanges will be made through the rag baby Thus is a party to be kept together with new confidence by the old Democratic leaders Don't put any thing in the platform to offend Frank Rives or the Tammany wing of the party Don't say a word about the President's message Don't even mention the Louisiana question Don't say a word about the Pacific railroads Don't say a word about the public lands Don't say a word about the tariff Don't say a word about the Indian question Don't say a word about the Mormons Don't say a word about the Supreme Court Don't say a word about the Centennial Don't say a word about the Chinese question Don't say a word about the Alabama claims Don't say a word about the Cuban question Don't say a word about the Virginia-Carolina question Don't say a word about the Texas question Don't say a word about the Mexican question Don't say a word about the Canada question Don't say a word about the Japan question Don't say a word about the Turkish question Don't say a word about the Egyptian question Don't say a word about the Spanish question Don't say a word about the Italian question Don't say a word about the French question Don't say a word about the German question Don't say a word about the Russian question Don't say a word about the Prussian question Don't say a word about the Austrian question Don't say a word about the Hungarian question Don't say a word about the Polish question Don't say a word about the Irish question Don't say a word about the Scotch question Don't say a word about the English question Don't say a word about the Welsh question Don't say a word about the Belgian question Don't say a word about the Dutch question Don't say a word about the Swedish question Don't say a word about the Norwegian question Don't say a word about the Danish question Don't say a word about the Swiss question Don't say a word about the Greek question Don't say a word about the Roman

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CITY.

LAKE SYNG.—As the evening advances the Old Folks Concert draws near the close seems to increase and judging by the number of tickets already sold the attendance will be a success, and from what we are given to be assured by the persons who are to assist in the different selections and of the superior training of the "chorus" has been under the direction of Prof. Prentice and of the ease with which he is to be worn on the occasion we are led to assert that the room will be filled to overflowing. We are also assuring our readers that the room will be filled to overflowing. We are also assuring our readers that the room will be filled to overflowing. We are also assuring our readers

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[illegible] change of low was the answer A good joke [illegible] Mrs Livesey [illegible] her husband

But I am [illegible] Minnie whisper Mr Hunt [illegible] Stokes and Henry was to stand by [illegible] the window and [illegible] Minnie [illegible] up the [illegible]

Minnie was a beauty if I did say it myself [illegible] whether she or Jack was perfect in form and face [illegible] Henry called the former an angel with the figure [illegible] Hubbard had been [illegible] well devel [illegible] for the past year [illegible] life was a terrible [illegible] and he [illegible] term His spine was injured [illegible] till he was almost hump back [illegible] his spine was rather [illegible] causing him to limp and the whole figure was twisted out of shape and almost the semblance of humanity The face was lovely blonde waving hair large [illegible] delicate features and an expression of perfect good humor were [illegible] Henry

Minnie thought of the whole town of Fair Water was the warmest champion and friend of the crippled child of the clergyman in the Rev Godfrey Wood She was the only one who knew how false was to come of the unselfish boy profess [illegible] to his sorrowing friends She alone knew how every [illegible] made upon his own deformity was a source of interest to his sensitive spirit, and how he [illegible] stood in the window showing [illegible] with heart rebuking pride the part he had chosen But he was absent, the chair by which he would keep him at her side in the land of [illegible] Ocoke [illegible]

At last all were [illegible] and the [illegible] and dresses were the theme [illegible] and the little [illegible] who were [illegible] Mr Chas Lovejoy a circle of friends

The birthday party was a complete success Never had Minnie looked lovelier than when she knelt over the expiring beast while [illegible] head and shaggy [illegible] figure her tender little hand no longer [illegible] from the curious eyes looking at them As so often the case the flames of the performers clung to them, and for many weeks Minnie's heart swelled painfully at hearing Henry called Beauty's Beast but at last the tableaux and games faded away in new interests among the young folks of Fairwater

Years glided by, and Henry Wood was ordained [illegible] He had followed in his father's foot steps and Fairwater was wanting to hear his first sermon before he left them for the home and duties to which he had been appointed

Minnie as a lovely and [illegible] beautiful be yond even the promise of her childhood was [illegible] to hear the first effort of her old friend Years of study and humble seeking for the will of the master he had chosen, had set their seal upon the pure spiritual face of the young clergyman and, as he stood up to face the friends of his life there was a hushed awe went around the church The full white robe and hood concealed the misshapen figure, and only the fair face spoke to them of the boy they had watched grow from childhood to youthful manhood

Slowly they dispersed each wondering at the eloquence and piety of the young devotee and the next day Henry Wood went out from amongst them on his Master's service

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